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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. Elsewhere, weekly prices were sharply lower on all sizes. The trade sentiment was barely steady to steady with markets being reported as testing. Demand improved, but was still light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums in the longest position. Breaking stock demand was light and unaggressive for about adequate to ample offerings. Light type fowl were short to adequate for the fair demand.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 8 cents lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to 9 cents lower for mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 4 cents lower on extra large, unchanged to 5 cents lower on large, and unchanged to 3 cents lower for mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was unsettled but in a steadier position. Demand was light to moderate and improved in some locations. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the fair demand. Light type hens were about adequate to adequate for the fair demand.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were lower again this week. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment mostly steady for the larger sizes and steady to barely steady for mediums. Retail demand was mixed, usually moderate with feature activity sparking some additional interest. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were at least adequate with mediums in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged. Offerings fully adequate for the mostly quiet demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules vary from plant to plant. Trade sentiment about steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand light to moderate and best where specials are a factor. Supplies available.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta and Florida, prices ranged lower to sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was unsettled but in a steadier position entering the week. Demand improved and was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending February 08, 2002 was 63.71 cents, 12.24 cents less than last week and 5.11 cents less than last year. Breaking stock demand was fair and unaggressive for about adequate to ample offerings. Light type hens were short to adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices 5-7 cents lower on jumbo, 6-7 cents lower on extra large and large, and 6-9 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last Monday with California down 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 6%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings in fair balance.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes entering the week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady as further market developments were being closely watched. Demand was light to occasionally moderate. Supplies were fully adequate for current requirements.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
	EXTRA	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	95-97	87-89	73-75
New York	58-62	56-60	47-51
Philadelphia	56-62	55-60	46-52
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	48-57.5	46-53.5	38-45.5
Jackson (1)	60-62	59-61	51-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	56-66	55-65	45-56
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	49-53	47-51	38-42
Detroit (2)	45-50	44-49	38-40
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-51	46-49	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	48-55	47-53	38-43
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	60-66	55-65	45-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	86	79	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 7 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 9 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings light locally, in much better balance from out of state. Small invoice price 49. Ads in Northern California: major- jumbo dozen 199, large dozen 99-119, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 139-149, 2 for \$3. PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE			
JUMBO	89		
EXTRA LARGE	86		
LARGE	79		
MEDIUM	69		
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	239-279
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	205-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	185-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 15, 2002 will decrease by 10 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 08, 2002 were 259,141 cases which was 7 percent above the prior week and 2 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	227,160	31,981	259,141

% change from the prior week..... +6 +13 +7  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices ranged unchanged. Offerings fully adequate for the mostly quiet demand. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules vary from plant to plant. Trade sentiment about steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	25-28	26-28
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	11-16	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy hens. Sales of dressed product were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was generally steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-FEB-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-12 CENTS/LB.	8.25-9.75	8.93

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate for immediate needs. Demand was mostly fair. Processing schedules were about normal. The undertone was steady.  
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-FEB-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-10	8.79
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 11, 2002**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.7	20.6	6.3	13.0	59.8
	Change	-8.0	0.9	0.6	2.4	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.0	34.5	17.2	27.6	138.3
	Change	-6.6	-8.4	-0.1	-2.0	-13%
Large	Curr Wk	46.6	104.8	82.7	87.3	446.4
	Change	-5.2	-9.9	4.2	-1.1	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.3	40.9	24.0	25.4	129.3
	Change	-2.7	-2.4	-2.2	-6.0	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	7.7	5.6	4.3	26.4
	Change	-2.1	-0.3	2.0	-0.5	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	25.5	5.5	11.9	53.1
	Change	0.7	-2.3	-0.1	0.7	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.4	60.0	28.2	24.1	169.8
	Change	1.5	5.0	3.4	-3.1	5%
Total	Curr Wk	130.4	294.0	169.5	193.6	1023.1
Percent	Change	-15%	-6%	5%	-5%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1023.1	-4%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	301.7	6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1324.8	-2%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	183.8	179.8	169.8	113.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 28, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 08, 2002

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	15.75	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	23.25	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	39.00
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SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	—	—	33.00	35.00	32.43	34.00	13.50	GNR W 1	—	37.00	—	—	—	—	1.50
GNR W 3	—	31.00	—	—	27.33	—	1.50	GNR W 3	—	31.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	26.50	27.50	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	49.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	41.50	43.50	40.00	—	8.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	45.00	.50
GL W LG	—	—	39.00	41.00	36.00	—	4.50	GL W MD	31.00	—	—	—	—	35.20	2.25
GL W MD	—	—	31.00	33.00	27.00	—	4.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.00	15.00	—	—	4.25								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/04/02-02/08/02

<b>CURRENT LOADS</b>	84.00	<b>FUTURE LOADS</b>	65.00	<b>TOTAL LOADS</b>	149.00
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		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	35.50	36.71	35.06	37.00	32.52	33.70	37.25		GNR W 1	—	37.18	—	—	—	—	5.25	
GNR W 2	—	33.00	—	—	28.00	30.00	6.00		GNR W 3	—	30.67	—	—	—	—	.75	
GNR W 3	—	31.00	—	—	27.33	30.00	3.75		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	76.00	1.50	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	26.50	27.50	2.00		GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.67	59.50	2.25	
GNR BR 1	—	71.50	69.00	—	—	—	3.50		GL W XL	40.88	43.46	—	—	—	49.04	14.75	
GNR BR 2	—	—	—	—	—	59.00	1.00		GL W LG	—	42.29	—	—	—	48.20	6.75	
GL W J	—	—	53.00	57.14	—	—	1.75		GL W MD	31.00	42.00	—	—	—	36.80	10.00	
GL W XL	49.00	46.88	42.79	44.01	38.73	40.00	40.25										
GL W LG	45.00	45.38	36.17	38.33	36.67	—	15.75										
GL W MD	—	37.00	33.32	30.20	28.58	—	19.75										
GL W SM	26.50	27.50	23.00	24.50	23.00	25.00	4.00										
NRBS - 48	27.50	29.80	25.00	26.00	27.23	27.09	31.25										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.00	15.00	11.50	17.58	10.25										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 01/27/02 - 02/02/02**

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Arizona	0	0	36	36
Arkansas	0	0	730	730
Colorado	0	0	2,208	2,208
Indiana	0	0	550	550
Iowa	5,906	0	48,410	54,316
Maine	0	780	0	780
Michigan	0	0	840	840
Minnesota	0	750	13,728	14,478
Missouri	0	0	78	78
New Hampshire	0	0	765	765
Ohio	0	750	800	1,550
Oregon	1,319	0	0	1,319
Pennsylvania	0	0	780	780
South Dakota	0	615	810	1,425
Texas	0	0	1,200	1,200
Utah	0	2,820	8,067	10,887
Wisconsin	940	0	2,895	3,835
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,165</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>81,897</b>	<b>95,777</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>8,165</b>	<b>5,715</b>	<b>81,897</b>	<b>95,777</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	76-79	68-71	54-57	25-28

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-61	44-48	42-47	36-39	25-29

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
28-31	19-23	7-10

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	02/04/02	01/28/02	02/05/01
PACIFIC COAST	317	216	252
LOS ANGELES	268	183	207

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 1/27/02-2/2/02

30-dozen cases 8,308

Receipts from the mainland: 1/20/02-1/26/02

30-dozen cases 6,575

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
69.65	68.34	60.34	45.51

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